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SUBJECT: DIMITRI ARSENE DE FAVITSKI, NEW FRENCH
AMBASSADOR TO HAVANA

1. THE NEWLY ANNOUNCED FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO HAVANA,
DIMITRI ARSENE DE FAVITSKI WAS BORN JUNE 2, 1919,
IN KHARKOV, RUSSIA. HE IS ENTITLED TO THE TITLE OF
COUNT FROM HIS RUSSIAN PARENTS.

2. FAVITSKI STUDIED AT ST. CYR MILITARY ACADEMY
BEFORE THE WAR, SERVED IN TUNISIA, WAS ASSISTANT
MILITARY ATTACHE IN TEHRAN IN 1944. HE SERVED IN
GERMANY AND AUSTRIA AFTER THE WAR REACHING THE POSITION
OF AIDE DE CAMP OF THE FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO
GERMANY IN 1949. AFTER OBTAINING A LAW DEGREE FROM
THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS AND ATTENDING THE PRESTIGIOUS
ECOLE NATIONALE D'ADMINISTRATION, HE ENTERED THE
FOREIGN SERVICE. HE SERVED IN CAIRO (1955-56),
BERNE (1956-59), MADRID (1959-64), AND BUENOS AIRES
(1965-69). HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AMERICAN
AFFAIRS (LATIN AMERICAN SECTION) SINCE 1969.

3. FAVITSKI WAS MARRIED TO CLAUDE GRZYBOWSKA IN
1943 AND THEY HAVE SIX CHILDREN.

4. FAVITSKI HAS BEEN KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY SINCE HE
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ASSUMED HIS LAST POSITION IN THE QUAI. MOST RECENTLY

WE HAVE FOUND HIM COOPERATIVE, FRIENDLY AND FORTH-
COMING WITH AN IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN
LATIN AMERICA AND A SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF US
PROBLEMS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES OF THE AREA. HE HAS
SPOKEN SOMEWHAT DISPARAGINGLY AT TIMES OF THE CUBAN
OFFICIALS HE HAS DEALT WITH IN PARIS REFLECTING
PERHAPS HIS RUSSIAN ARISTOCRATIC BACKGROUND AND HIS
POLITICAL CONSERVATISM.
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